

“Escaping from spiritual naiveté”
Ephesians 6

Principle: We are at war.

“The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan who leads the whole world astray.” Revelation 12:9

“Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future (python).” Acts 16:16

What the enemy doesn’t want you to know:

1. His limitations

- He is not omniscient
- He is not omnipresent
- He is not omnipotent

2. His existence

3. His defeat

“He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.” 1 John 3:8

4. His tactics

- Frontal attack
- Infiltration
- Counterfeits

“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!” Galatians 1:8

“And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light” 2 Corinthians 11:14

- Doubt
- Tolerance

“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 11:13

- Temptation

“For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes, and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world.” 1 John 2:16

- Deception

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Principle: The key to overcoming the enemy is by walking in the spirit or staying in alignment with Jesus.

How can I walk in the spirit?

1. Allow conviction

"Yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us, Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

2. Repent of sin

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3. Keep a godly perspective

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4. Receive the truth

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

5. Place faith in the blood of Jesus

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

6. Walk in the light

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How do we walk in the light?

1. Read God's Word daily
2. Pray in the Holy Spirit

7. Be transformed

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:17, 18

Alignment Prayer:

“Body, submit to my soul. Soul, submit to my spirit. Spirit, submit to the Holy Spirit of the living God and no other. I choose to be a person who walks in the Spirit and be covered with the Blood of Jesus Christ. Amen.”